

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, millions of Americans pursue boating as a recreational activity, emphasizing the need for increased awareness of safe boating practices; and

WHEREAS, boating accidents can occur at any time - whether the water is smooth or turbulent and whether the boater is experienced or a novice; and

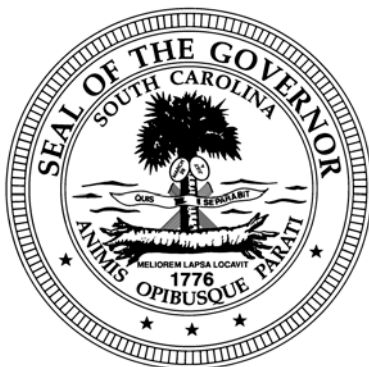
WHEREAS, most boating-related injuries and deaths are the result of human error or poor judgment including excessive speed, failure to follow safe navigation rules, or operating watercraft while impaired; and

WHEREAS, often, these injuries and deaths could easily be prevented by using common sense, making boating safety the first priority, and ensuring that everyone on board always wears a life jacket.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22 - 28, 2004, as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote safe boating practices and responsible use of our recreational waters.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA